

# BEAVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

# GENERAL ORDER

NUMBER: 3.05.00  
SUBJECT: FIREARMS INCIDENT REVIEW BOARD.  
EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 1, 1999  
REVIEW: AUGUST 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004

1. PURPOSE. To determine if any discharges of a firearm that occurred on or in the line of duty is consistent with the general orders of the department.
2. POLICY. A firearms incident review board will be held to review any discharge of a firearm by a department member other than a discharge listed as “except” by general order.
3. BOARD CONVENED. The board may be convened at the direction of the Chief of Police following completion of the investigation.
4. BOARD'S CHARGE. The firearms incident review board shall recommend whether or not the use of a firearm was within the parameters of department policy. The review board shall not be concerned with penalties for violations of rules, regulations or procedure.
5. BOARD PROCEEDINGS.
  - A. The review board shall be composed of:
    1. A staff member - lieutenant or above;
    2. A supervisor;
    3. A firearms instructor;
    4. At least one officer of the same rank as the officer who discharged his/her weapon.
  - B. All review board hearings are confidential and shall be conducted in private.
  - C. The review board shall consider all reports and information concerning the incident and, if necessary, call witnesses.
  - D. The review board will develop findings and, if appropriate, make recommendations to the Chief of Police in the following areas:

1. Tactical considerations;
2. Training considerations, and;
3. Quality of supervision.

E. The review board shall make one of the following findings:

1. The discharge was justified under the provisions of this policy;
2. The discharge was not justified under the provisions of this policy;

F. Review board recommendations will be by majority vote. All findings will be signed by all members of the review board, and will indicate whether the review board member agreed with or dissented from the recommendation. The review board's recommendations shall be submitted to the Chief of Police in a written report.

G. Upon receipt of the review board's recommendation the Chief of Police may:

1. Reinstatement of the officer to duty if it is determined that the incident was justifiable
2. Request the district attorney to conduct an inquest of the incident.
3. Take disciplinary action if appropriate.

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Chief of Police

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Date